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REV. FRED M. KERN, Pastor

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood convened in Salem Lutheran Church, East Military and C Street, Fremont, Nebraska, the Rev. Fred M. Kern, Pastor, on Wednesday afternoon, April 16, 1947 at three-thirty o'clock.

The Convention was opened by singing the Brotherhood Hymn: "The Sign of the Cross and the Heart," after which Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, Wayne, Nebraska, read a part of scripture followed by prayer. The Convention was declared ready for business by the President, William F. Kedde.

Rev. Fred M. Kern, Pastor loci, brought greetings, Dr. Franklin C. Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America gave a short word of greeting from the church at large.

The President appointed the following committees:

Nominations: Rev. John M. Shiery, Columbus, Chairman, Gus Prestegaard, Lincoln, W. H. Hasebrook, West Point.

Resolutions: Rev. John Jacobs, Scribner, Chairman, Frank Clark, Davenport, Wm. L. Parson, Omaha.

President's Report: Rev. J. Ernest Messer, South Sioux City, Chairman, Ed Kuenning, Auburn, I. G. Enke, Emerson.

Auditing: C. A. Bard, Wayne, Chairman, Harold Gildersleeve, Wayne.

President Kedde gave his annual report.

Dr. J. C. Hershey, President of the Nebraska Synod, brought the greetings of the Synod.

The Secretary, Arthur R. Johansen, read the Minutes of the previous Annual Convention, referring also to the Minutes of five Executive Committee meetings.

Treasurer, Ben Meyer, presented his annual report, which after the report of the Auditing Committee was accepted and placed on file.

Eighteen Brotherhoods answered the Roll Call with thirty-seven delegates and all of their Pastors present. The Secretary gave a condensed report of the activities of the Brotherhood, which were interesting, showing the objects of these Brotherhoods.

Under the heading of business: A letter was read, received from President Zeb B. Trexler, of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood.

President Kedde called attention to the necessity of more subscriptions for Lutheran Men.

Mr. Walter Kuenning, Auburn, reported on the Erie Convention of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. John M. Shiery. Nominated were the following: President, Ben Meyer, Wayne; Vice President, Will Hahle, Hampton; Secretary, Wm. J. Rogge, Auburn; Treasurer, Wm. Heuer, Omaha. There being no other nominations from the floor, motion carried that the nominations be closed. The motion carried that the chairman of the Nominating Committee cast the unanimous ballot for those nominated.

The following report of the committee on President's report was given by Rev. J. Ernest Messer.

Report of the Committee on President's Report

Your Committee has carefully reviewed the President's report. Items of special interest are: The Thirtieth Birthday of the Brotherhood and the organization of four new brotherhoods in the Synod. It is to be gratefully observed that the gains reported can be credited to the energy and consecration of the President. The recommendations included in the report are the necessary expression of the work of the Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)
J. Ernest Messer
Ed Kuenning

An offering for Boy Scout work in the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America, was taken, to the amount of $34.64. Two members of "Salem Churchmen," Fremont, made a short report on local Boy Scout work The following resolutions were presented by Rev. John Jacobs:

Resolutions

WHEREAS: we have been informed that Mr. Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America, as his own expense is preparing a building in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at a select, exclusive part of this city, known as Market Street at New, for the use as a Brotherhood Headquarters, and

WHEREAS: when this building is completed, without any cost to the Brotherhood, it will be one of the most outstanding Brotherhood offices and Headquarters in our country, be it,

RESOLVED, that we, the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood, in convention assembled April 16, 1947, in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, commend Mr. Earle W. Bader for his loyalty to the Church through the Brotherhood, and that God's blessing may rest upon the work he is doing.

(signed)
Wm. F. Kedde
Karl Gigstad
Arthur Johansen
John A. Jacobs
Frank H. Clark
Wm. L. Parsons

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we express our appreciation to Pastor F. W. Kern and to the congregation for inviting the Synodical Brotherhood to hold its convention in their midst.

2. That we sincerely thank the President of our ULCA, Dr. F. C. Frey, for his greeting word of inspiration towards the true aim of church men, as well as to the President of the Nebraska Synod for his word of greeting and cooperation with the work of the Brotherhood.

3. That we thank our leader, Mr. W. F. Kedde, the President of the Nebraska Synod Brotherhood, for his faithful and consecrated guidance and leadership during the past year.

4. That we all continue in our efforts to have a more active Brotherhood, in every congregation, and that each Brotherhood be encouraged to adopt and put into practice all the objectives of the Brotherhood.

5. That we express our appreciation to the Salem Churchmen for furnishing the copies of the programs and badges.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed)
John A. Jacobs
Frank H. Clark
Wm. L. Parsons

Dr. Leland Lesher, Lincoln, took the chair, leading the roundtable discussion, which was very interesting. The questions, "How to secure the most able leaders for the topics in Lutheran Men," and "How long and what constitutes the devotional period of the meeting," and "What about the one dollar per capita dues."

The time being limited, motion carried to lengthen this discussion until 5:45 p. m.

The motion carried to adjourn at 5:45 p. m. after singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Rev. Henry Dumler, Davenport, closed the convention with prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed)
Arthur R. Johansen

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of The

NEBRASKA SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 22, 1946	$ 83.38	
Convention banquet offering	71.56	
Cash	1.00	
First North Platte	10.00	
St. Paul's, Auburn	8.00	
First, York	8.00	
Salem, Dakota City	8.00	
Our Redeemer, Omaha	25.00	
First, South Sioux City	22.00	
Immanuel, Hampton	15.00	
St. Luke's Emerson	20.00	
United, Scribner	20.00	
St. Luke's, Omaha	22.00	
Grace, West Point	28.00	
St. Paul's, Wayne	31.00	
Grace, Omaha	27.00	
Christ's, Davenport	34.00	
Zion, Benedict	15.00	
St. Paul's, Auburn	18.00	
Grace, Lincoln	20.00	
United, Columbus	15.00	
TOTAL		$501.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Complimentary Banquet tickets	$ 4.00	
Earle W. Bader, banquet offering	71.56	
Rev. A. H. Pinkall, for Midland Assembly	5.00	
Earle W. Bader, dues and stationery	32.80	
Wm. F. Kedde, Convention registration	2.00	
Walter Kuenning, Convention registration	2.00	
D. L. Tyrrell, flowers for Rev. Messer	2.50	
Gale's Studios, photos	13.00	
T. D. Rinde, Life Service Retreat	25.00	
F. E. Wood, printing minutes	33.00	
Earle W. Bader, dues	249.00	
Wm. F. Kedde, cleaning, repairing and postage on robes	10.00	
TOTAL		$449.86
Balance on hand April 15, 1947		$ 52.08

Respectfully submitted

Ben Meyer, Treasurer.

April 15, 1947

This is to certify we have examined the report of the Synodical Treasurer and found it correct.

(signed)

C. A. Bard,

Chairman of Auditing Committee

President's Annual Report For 1946 - 1947

To the officers, delegates and members of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America at their 30th Convention in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska.
Brethren in Christ:

It is with thanksgiving to the Lord in our heart, that I want to make this report to you. This is the thirtieth convention of this organization, of which for eight years I have had the privilege, by the Grace of God, of being your president. Much that should have been done, was left undone, but we have tried our best, however, as the saying goes: "The best is not good enough."

When a young man has reached the age of thirty, it is considered in all walks of life, that this is the age in which he is strongest in all the qualifications of his existence, such as, in building for the future, foresight, character, and his relationship with God and Man. He seems to achieve the impossible, and strive for greater things. The Brotherhood has reached this age of thirty, and it is requirement of the organization also, to do greater things in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God and His Christ. May the Lord be with those who will be the leading men in the days to come.

During the past year, four new congregational Brotherhoods have been organized, Grace - Omaha, United - Scribner, Christ's - Davenport, and St. John's - Leigh. One organization has made no report, which may be considered as a loss; First - Allen, leaving a total of nineteen active Brotherhoods.

A request was made by the North and South Platte Conference of the Synod, for a clerical robe for the home pastor in Vienna, Austria, of Prof. R. R. Syre. The Executive committee instructed your president to contact the officers of Lutheran World Relief, for suggestions in this matter. This was done; upon their suggestion a letter was forwarded to each pastor in the Nebraska Synod for robes not in use any longer, which could be repaired. Four pastor's gave an answer to this appeal, two fairly good robes have been received, which after repairing and cleaning were shipped overseas.

The setup of dues payable to the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood was changed at the Erie convention. At a meeting of officers of all Synodical Brotherhoods prior to the convention, the question of one dollar per capita dues for each active member of congregational Brotherhoods was discussed, and all present voted in favor of this proposed dollar per capita dues. The National organization under the old plan, had never, been able to live up to the required obligations, always trying by other ways and means to raise the necessary funds with little or no success. Should all congregational Men's organizations respond to this plan of one dollar per capita dues, the financial status of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood will become such that much more active field work can be done. At present four Field Secretaries have been appointed for this field work; your president being one of these, assigned for this district.

God grant that we may be able to have more men of our beloved Lutheran Church, band together into groups for the fulfillment of the first objective: "To bring the unsaved to Christ."